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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

1998 UNITED NATIONS/FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

First segment

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Joint opening of the Pledging Conferences by the Secretary-General
2. Election of officers
3. Statements regarding pledges
4. Adoption of the draft report (A/CONF.186/L.1)
5. Closure of the Conference segment

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	52nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of the judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [47]:

(a) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/53/442);

(b) Memorandum by the Secretary-General, including the list of candidates (A/53/443);

(c) Curricula vitae (A/53/444, Corr.1 (Chinese, English, French and Spanish only) and Add.1).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85] (A/53/127, A/C.4/53/L.8)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [93]

   (e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.23

2. Training and research [96]

   (a) United Nations University

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.24

3. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98] (A/53/329, A/53/223 and Add.1, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

   Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.7 (Sectoral policy questions) (item 92 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.14 (Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership) (item 93 (d)); A/C.2/53/L.19 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (item 93 (c)); and A/C.2/53/L.22 (Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources) (item 97)

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* Following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/53/372)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 145 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Procurement reform

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session of 1998

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 94 (a), (b), (d) and (e): Environment and sustainable development)

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 92 (a): Business and Development (A/C.2/53/L.7); 93 (g): Cultural Development; item 93 (b) : Economies in transition in the world economy (A/C.2/53/L.13); 91 (a): Transit environment in the land-locked States; and 96 (a): United Nations University (A/C.2/53/L.24))

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 91 (b): Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

3 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 98: Implementation of the United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

4.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) will be held *today*, 3 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on safety and security of United Nations personnel and other humanitarian personnel, organized by the delegation of Austria, *today*, 3 November 1998, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Dialogue

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson, will hold a dialogue with representatives of non-governmental organizations *and interested delegations* on the follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action *today*, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m. sharp in Conference Room 1.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	53rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Dialogue among civilizations: draft resolution (A/53/L.23) [168].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	34th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

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1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Election of officers
2. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/2, A/53/226/Add.2)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 240th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People *(at the ambassadorial level)* will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-President of the Council, the Working Group of the Economic and Social Council on the allocation of seats to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme will meet on Thursday, 5 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Room C-209.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Development Account; and item 93 (c) (Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat))* on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (on item 91 (b) *(Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))* on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Seminar

A seminar on the theme "Accounting for Gender in National Budgets", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be held on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The main speaker will be Ms. Diane Elson, Special Adviser to the Executive Director, UNIFEM. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Briefings

Mr. Choi Young-Jin, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, will hold a briefing for Member States on the United Nations Stand-by Arrangements System on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Special Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on agenda item 42 (Assistance in mine clearance), organized by the delegation of Austria, on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room D. All delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) on *Thursday, 5 November 1998*, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Rom A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus Konig, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Rom A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

50th plenary meeting

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the referendum in Western Sahara: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/544) [125]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/544) (resolution 53/18).

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 125.

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/545) [136]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/545) (resolution 53/19).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 136.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/546) [140]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/546) (resolution 53/20).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [49]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of agenda item 49 and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 49.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.17) [20 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.17) (resolution 53/1 C).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the agency (A/53/286);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);

(c) Amendment (A/53/L.19)

The Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency presented the report of the Agency for the year 1997.

The representative of Slovenia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.18.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment to draft resolution A/53/L.18 contained in A/53/L.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), South Africa, India, Australia, Kazakhstan, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation and Japan.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: General Assembly resolution 53/1 C [20 (b)]

Under rule 81 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided to reconsider resolution 53/1 C, adopted earlier during the meeting and whose text was contained in document A/53/L.17.

The representative of Honduras made a statement in the course of which he orally revised resolution 53/1 C.

The Assembly adopted resolution 53/1 C, as orally revised.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

51st plenary meeting

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [14]:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Agency (A/53/286);

(b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.18);

(c) Amendment (A/53/L.19)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 14.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Slovakia, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Egypt, Armenia, Brazil, Cuba, Ukraine, Belarus and New Zealand.

The representative of Slovenia made a statement in the course of which he orally revised draft resolution A/53/L.18.

The representative of Iraq made a statement in the course of which he withdrew the amendment contained in document A/53/L.19.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Slovenia and Swaziland.

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea made a statement in explanation of the vote before the vote.

By 113 votes to 1 , with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.18 (resolution 53/21).

Statements in explanation of the vote after the vote were made by the representatives of India, China, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Cuba.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 14.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Note: The summary of the 21st meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/212).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 14th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Egypt, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, Kuwait, Ethiopia, Ghana, China, Jamaica, India, Myanmar, Belarus, Botswana, Cuba, Cyprus, the Philippines, Croatia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador and Indonesia.

Allocation of items to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee

The Chairman drew attention to document A/C.4/53/9 containing a letter from the Chairman of the Fifth Committee concerning the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided that members wishing to submit their views on programmes 2 (Political affairs) and 3 (Peaceful uses of outer space) should do so in writing no later than Thursday, 5 November, for transmittal to the Fifth Committee.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that, as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 83 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 31st meeting

The Chairman of the Committee expressed condolences to the Governments and the peoples of Central America on the tragic loss of life caused by natural disasters in the area.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The Committee continued consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representative of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Maldives, Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Nepal, Benin, Mozambique, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Ethiopia and the Sudan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 93 (e).

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

The Committee began consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with the statement), Bangladesh, the United States, Norway, China, Japan and India.

32nd meeting

The President of the Economic and Social Council addressed the Committee.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs made a statement.

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Yemen, Senegal, Tunisia, Mali, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Guinea, Kuwait, San Marino, Zambia, Jamaica, Madagascar and Nepal.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme.

Organization of work

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 91 (a) to Friday, 6 November, at 6 p.m.

The deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 93 (e) was Thursday, 5 November, at 1 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE

30th meeting

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by Ms. Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, the United States, Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Bangladesh, Japan, Norway and Egypt.

31st meeting

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.19

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Brazil, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.20

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Brazil, introduced the draft resolution.

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.16

The representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Albania, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Togo and the United Arab Emirates, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.17

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Eritrea and the Niger, introduced the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Thailand, the Russian Federation and Argentina.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 110 (d) was Tuesday, 10 November, at 6 p.m. The Chairman also reminded delegations that the Committee would take action on those draft proposals which were ready for action on Thursday, 5 November, in the afternoon.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Thematic reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/52/1010, A/52/1020 and A/53/467)

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

In the absence of speakers, the Chairman declared that the Committee had thus concluded its general discussion on the aforementioned reports.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committe that informal consultations on this question would begin on Wednesday, 11 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sharon Brennen-Haylock (Bahamas), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Cuba, Algeria and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman then informed the Committe that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Tuesday, 3 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Regina Emerson (Portugal).

Joint Inspection Unit [165]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative Indonesia made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committe that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Wednesday, 11 November, in the morning, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tammam Sulaiman (Syrian Arab Republic), Rapporteur of the Committee.

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission, Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor, introduced the report of the Commission (A/53/30 and Corr.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) and Belarus.

The President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) made a statement.

The President of the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations (FICSA) also made a statement and drew attention to document A/C.5/53/27.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on the same day at 6 p.m.

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Mr. Dieter Goethel, introduced the report of the Board (A/53/9).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General on the investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/C.5/53/18).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/53/511).

The Chairman informed the Committee that the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item would be closed on Tuesday, 3 November, at 1 p.m.

The representative of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania, Mexico, Germany, Venezuela, Italy, Croatia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Spain, Cuba and Tunisia.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Víctor Rodríguez Cedeño, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning unilateral acts of States.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Ratification: Nepal (2 November 1998)*

Agreement relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Participation: Nepal (2 November 1998)*

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995. Geneva, 17 February 1995

Extension of time limit for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to 31 December 1999

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

CORRIGENDUM

Under the third entry appearing in this section, on Friday, 16 October 1998 (see *Journal* No. 1998/199, p.12), the following should be considered null and void:

Signature: Sudan (11 September 1998)

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